

## CANCEL POLICIES, SAYS THE REPORT

Denied, However, That Insurance Companies Have Decided Upon Such Action.

### WILL RAISE LESS COTTON

Farmers in Georgia and Alabama Decide Upon This Course—Will Buy Up.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, La., January 11.—Insurance companies which have placed policies on cotton in warehouses throughout the South are said to have cancelled all policies on cotton in districts where the staple has been burned, even in the smallest quantities. In districts where the farmers have not and discussed the burning of cotton as a means of raising prices, insurance policies have, it is said, been raised about fifty per cent. It is understood on the local cotton exchange that there is an agreement among insurance companies, or at least an understanding to the effect that all of the companies will act similarly in the matter. This action has stopped the burning of cotton in so far as the country merchants and country banks can have any influence.

### Denied in Atlanta.

(By Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, Ga., January 11.—Local representatives of various insurance companies to-day denied that any of their companies had cancelled policies on cotton in any locality. They further declared that there has been no concerted action in this direction. Several companies refused to issue policies on cotton outside of warehouses. Others say that they are working for new business, and that nothing is further from their intentions than to cancel policies already in force.

### Buy Instead of Growing It.

(By Associated Press.)  
MACON, Ga., January 11.—Specialists to the "Telegraph" from over the State tell of mass-meetings of farmers and others interested to discuss the present cotton situation. Generally speaking, these meetings have pledged themselves to an average reduction of twenty-five per cent. in cotton acreage, and a corresponding reduction in the amount of fertilizer used. In a few instances, planters have decided to place no cotton at all for next year's crop, but instead, to buy up as many bales of the staple at the prevailing prices as they are able to handle.

### Will Reduce Acreage.

(By Associated Press.)  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., January 11.—Reports from various sections of Alabama show that farmers and others interested in cotton are meeting in mass numbers in their respective counties and are taking steps to reduce this year's acreage, and also to hold the surplus cotton now on hand for higher prices. The prevailing reduction proposed is from twenty to twenty-five per cent.

### In Texas, Also.

(By Associated Press.)  
HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 11.—Meetings held at many points in Texas to-day to consider the question of reducing the acreage in cotton without exception. The resolutions adopted provided for a cut of twenty-five per cent. under the acreage of the last crop, and generally a reduction of ten per cent. in the Northern Securities case. If this is true it will mean the distribution of the stock as proposed by Mr. Hill without interruption.

## NEWS AND COMMENT FROM WORLD OF FINANCE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—It was rumored in Wall Street to-day that the directors of the Union Pacific have decided not to appeal from the last decision of the Supreme Court in the Northern Securities case. If this is true it will mean the distribution of the stock as proposed by Mr. Hill without interruption.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 11.—The Illinois Steel Company's works at South Chicago reopened yesterday. Two thousand men who have been idle for four weeks were given employment. More will be taken on as work develops in the various departments.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 11.—The agreement for placing Lehigh Coal and Navigation stock under a voting trust agreement, provides that the stock deposited under the agreement shall not be sold at a less price than at the rate of \$135 for each and every share so deposited.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Papers were filed at Madison, Wis., yesterday in a contest in which the railroads are to make against the ad valorem tax law of that State. The main contestant is the St. Paul road, against which there is a tax increase of about \$200,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.—A seat on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange was sold yesterday to the firm of Lee, Higginson & Co., of Boston, for \$9,000.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 11.—The directors of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad Company, at a meeting here yesterday, declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. on the stock of the company. This is an increase of 1/4 of 1 per cent. over the previous payment and places the stock on a 5 per cent. basis.

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ACCUSED OF ARSON.

Aged North Carolinian Fled for Fear of Lynching.

(By Associated Press.)  
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Postmasters Confirmed.

(By Associated Press.)  
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Before straightening out our stock of Fancy and Holiday Furniture, we would like to thin it out as much as possible, and will give the following discounts:

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MAKING A FREE MAN

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Mr. Aubrey Strode, the brilliant young attorney of Amherst, who is assisting in the prosecution of the accused, made the opening speech, the argument of counsel. His argument was strong and eloquent.

The speaker, who has a pleasant voice and an attractive personality, first threw a few bouquets at the jury, and then turned to the people of Farmville.

He asked the jury that if the prisoner had not been clearly convicted he did not wish a conviction, nor did those whom he represented. The speaker said the brightest spot in this case was the fidelity displayed by the women connected with it.

After explaining the trying position, Mr. William Lancaster, who assisted Congressman Flood in the defense of the prisoner, followed Mr. Aubrey Strode. Mr. Lancaster first made an attack upon the motive of Mr. Strode.

Flood's Fine Speech.

At the close of Mr. Lancaster's speech Congressman Flood, the leading counsel for the defense, began his argument, and made a magnificent review of the case and the conduct of the prisoner.

In closing Mr. Flood thanked the people of Prince Edward county for their kindness to the prisoner's family and to those who were connected with the case. He opened, that the prisoner once more might breathe the air of freedom and of liberty.

The speech was considered one of the most masterly and eloquent presentations of a prisoner's cause ever listened to in Prince Edward county.

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## A RICHMOND MAN IN A LONDON FOG

Mr. Winston Writes The Times-Dispatch About the Period of Impenetrable Darkness.

### COULD HARDLY SEE AT ALL

Had to Feel Way Across Street and Along Sidewalk—Wonderful New Theatre.

(Special Correspondence of The Times-Dispatch.)

LONDON, ENGLAND, December 26.—All through living in the largest city in the world, I still read with undiminished interest The Times-Dispatch, and thinking, perhaps, that some of your subscribers may feel an interest in what is occurring in England at Christmas time, I am going to endeavor to give them an idea.

I think the fog, which has covered London for the past few weeks, would make a lasting impression on Richmonders. It seems to permeate everywhere. The novel experience of being lost in London was experienced by many, on the short day known as fog day, and again the following day. For forty-eight hours the sky was never seen and what has become of the sun, no Londoner knows, perhaps, disgusted, his little car.

To attempt to cross a street was as much as your life was worth. By the time you reached the other side of the road you were lost to civilization as completely as though you were adrift upon the ocean; around you was impenetrable yellow, suffocating vapor. Fortunately a few steps brought you to the pavement and to something like an easy form of locomotion.

Could not see to move, but you could touch walls and railings with stick or hand and they afforded a guarantee that you would not tumble off the globe.

Things in the West End about Piccadilly Circus, where there is a great deal of traffic, were worse. The cars, the taxis, the motor cars, the omnibuses, the street cars, the Christmas shopping had to go on, however. People remembered the claims of the little ones and their stockings had had yet to be filled, and the Christmas shopping had to go on, however.

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first, Young Lighter (12 to 1) second,

Liberation (6 to 1) third. Time, 5:11.

Second race—five furlongs—Jake Sanders (6 to 1) first, Bishop Pool (8 to 1)

second, Inspector Haplin (2 to 1) third. Time, 1:01 3/4.

Third race—one mile—George K. (7 to 10)

first, Jess Lesser (9 to 5) second, Fox Mead (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:42 1/2.

Fourth race—three and a half furlongs—Dick Bernhard (8 to 1) first, Mat Wier (5 to 1)

second, Sis Lee (9 to 1) third. Time, 1:21 3/4.

Fifth race—mile and a quarter, selling—Hymettus (12 to 1) first, St. George (3 to 1)

second, Autocrat (4 to 1) third. Time, 2:11 3/4.

Sixth race—mile—Midge (1 to 4) first, John Doyle (6 to 1) second, Heritage (15 to 1) third. Time, 1:44 1/2.

Results at Essex Park.

(By Associated Press.)  
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 11.—Essex Park summaries:

First race—three furlongs—Woodman (12 to 1) first, McCarry (7 to 1) second, Mohr (7 to 1) third. Time, 40 1/2.

Second race—seven and a half furlongs—Amor (12 to 1) first, Delphi (9 to 5) second, Idle Hour (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:11 1/2.

Third race—six furlongs—Messa (3 to 1) first, Falkland (1 to 2) second, Falkland (6 to 1) third. Time, 1:17.

Fourth race—mile and twenty yards—Heldorn (2 to 1) second, Ingot Thrift (6 to 1) third. Time, 1:50.

Fifth race—mile and twenty yards—Togo (even) first, Room Mate (6 to 1) second, Nick Longworth (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:48 1/2.

Sixth race—mile and twenty yards—Alfin (4 to 1) first, Turando (6 to 1) second, Ben Hoywood (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:40 1/2.

MONITOR ARKANSAS.

Will be Used for Gun Practice at Indian Head.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., January 11.—The monitor Arkansas, which returned to Norfolk yesterday after having proceeded to sea to test the new gun, will be used for gun practice at Indian Head.

The Arkansas will be used to test the land defenses and a thorough trial will be made of her big guns against landworks at Indian Head.

FIRE IN LYNCHBURG.

Ten Thousand Dollars Damage in Wholesale Grocery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, Va., January 11.—Fire in the place of A. S. White & Co., Main Street wholesale grocers, this afternoon, inflicted damage to the tune of \$10,000. Major portion of damage was by smoke and water. Stock of probably \$40,000 implicated, which was fully insured. The origin, which was in third story, is unknown. Fireman Conley fell from a ladder with hose and was painfully hurt about his feet.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful It is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines, and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables, and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of odors.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the shape of large, pleasant, tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

Yours sincerely,  
J. M. WINSTON.

GOOD DAY FOR FAVORITES

These Outclass Their Company in New Orleans Races.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11.—Rain during the day, and the morning made the track sloppy and interfered with overnight calculations. George K. and Midge, which, with Proteus, were the

## ST. ASAPH CLOSED FOREVER AND A DAY

A Long Fought Battle at Last a Victory for the Law.

### SMALL RESORTS MUST STOP

Places of So-Called Virginia Telegraph Co. Not Known, But Virginia to be Clear of Them.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 11.—The St. Asaph pool-rooms, which have been attacked in the courts continuously for the past nine months by Commonwealth's Attorney Grand Mackey, of Alexandria county, are closed for all time so far as the county is concerned. A statement to this effect was made to-day in an interview